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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**Board of Public Utilities**

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*Newark, NJ 07102*

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**WATER AND WASTEWATER**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PINELANDS )  
WATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN )  
INCREASE IN RATES FOR WATER SERVICE, )  
A CHANGE IN DEPRECIATION RATES AND OTHER )  
TARIFF CHANGES )

ORDER SUSPENDING  
INCREASES, CHANGES OR  
ALTERATIONS IN RATES FOR  
SERVICE

BPU DOCKET NO. WR05080681

(Service List Attached)

BY THE BOARD:

On August 10, 2005, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.11, and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12 Petitioner, Pinelands Water Company, (Company), a New Jersey corporation and public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities (Board) and serving approximately 2,400 water customers in the communities of Leisuretowne and Hampton Lakes in Southampton Township, Burlington County, New Jersey, filed a petition for a revision of its rates for water service, amounting to an overall increase of approximately \$95,349 or 16.72% in annual revenues with rates proposed to become effective on September 15, 2005. The Petitioner notifies the Board that it will implement the proposed rates on May 15, 2006, on an interim basis, pursuant to law if the Board has suspended the effective date of the new rates pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 but not finally determined a just and reasonable tariff prior to that date.

It appearing that the proposed revisions will increase existing rates and change or alter existing classifications in Petitioner's tariff, it is HEREBY ORDERED that:

(1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be, and are suspended until January 15, 2006, unless the Board prior to that date makes a determination disposing of the petition;

(2) Petitioner shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for hearing on the petition by the Office of Administrative Law, file with this Board and with the Office of Administrative Law (33 Washington Street, Newark, N.J. 07102) proof of compliance with the Notice provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12 (b) and (c), which Notice shall include a statement that any relief found by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board to any class or classes of customers on any rate or schedule as the Board may determine; and

(3) Petitioner shall, at the same time it files with this Board, also file proof of service of copies of this Order upon the Office of Administrative Law, the Division of the Ratepayer Advocate (31 Clinton Street, P.O. Box 46005, Newark, NJ 07102), the clerks of each affected municipality, the clerks to the Boards of Chosen Freeholders of each affected county, and where appropriate, the executive officer of each affected county within its service area. Service of the petition, notice of hearings and this Suspension Order may be made simultaneously.

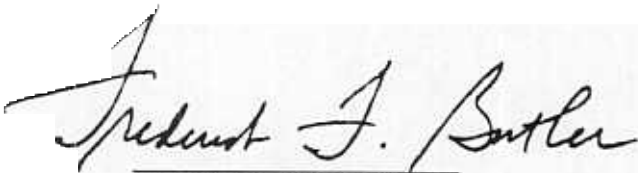
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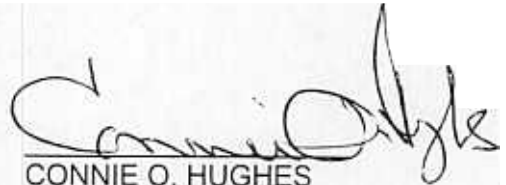
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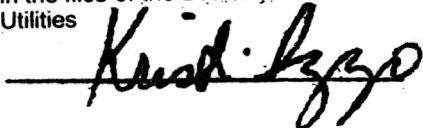
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KRISTI IZZO  
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within  
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Utilities



IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF THE  
PINELANDS WATER COMPANY  
FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN RATES

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